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June 1, 2010 Crop Acreages

All wheat seeded acreage in Montana is estimated to be 5.54 million acres, up 20,000 acres from last year. **Spring wheat** producers seeded an estimated 2.8 million acres, up 17 percent from last year, but unchanged from March intentions. Acres intended for harvest, at 2.75 million, are up 17 percent from the previous year. The spring wheat crop condition, for the week ending June 27, was rated 18 percent excellent, 61 percent good, 20 percent fair, 1 percent poor, and 0 percent very poor. Spring wheat crop progress is behind last year and the 5-year average. Thirty-one percent of the spring wheat crop has reached the boot stage. **Winter wheat** seeded acreage is up 50,000 acres from the March 1 estimate, but down 450,000 acres from last year to 2.1 million acres. Producers expect to harvest 2.05 million acres, up 150,000 acres from the previous forecast, but down 370,000 acres from last year. The condition of the winter wheat crop is rated 26 percent excellent, 50 percent good, 20 percent fair, 3 percent poor and 1 percent very poor for the week ending June 27. The winter wheat crop development is behind last year and the 5-year average with 94 percent in the boot stage and 59 percent headed. **Durum wheat** seeded acreage, at 640,000 acres, is up 70,000 acres from a year ago and up 140,000 acres from the March intended plantings. Durum wheat area intended for harvest is estimated at 625,000 acres, up 17 percent from last year.

Montana **barley** growers seeded an estimated 700,000 acres, which is down 20 percent from last year and down 90,000 acres from March intentions. This would be the lowest barley planted acreage since 1945. Barley growers intend to harvest 550,000 acres for grain this year, which is 24 percent below the

previous year. Planted acreage for **oats**, at 70,000 acres, is unchanged from the previous year, but 10,000 acres above March intentions. Growers intend to harvest 30,000 acres for grain, down 2,000 acres from a year ago.

Hay producers in Montana expect to harvest an estimated 2.7 million acres of all hay, 200,000 acres above last year. Of the total hay expected for harvest, 1.8 million acres are expected to be **alfalfa** hay, which is 100,000 acres above last year. If realized, this would be the largest alfalfa hay harvested acreage on record. Producers expect to harvest 900,000 acres of **other** hay, which is up 100,000 acres from a year ago.

Montana **corn** growers planted an estimated 80,000 acres, up 8,000 acres from a year ago, but unchanged from the March 1 intentions. Acreage intended for harvest as grain, at 35,000 acres, is up 9,000 acres from last year. **Sugar beet** producers planted an estimated 42,700 acres, up 4,300 acres from 2009 and up 300 acres from March intentions. Producers intend to harvest 42,600 acres, up 27 percent from 2009.

Farmers in Montana planted an estimated 11,600 acres of **dry beans** in 2010, down 3 percent from last year but up 1,000 acres from March intentions. Producers are expecting to harvest 10,500 acres of dry beans this year, 9 percent below a year ago.

Flaxseed growers in Montana planted an estimated 9,000 acres this year, down 2,000 from last year's acreage and down 4,000 acres from March 1 intentions. Producers intend to harvest 9,000 acres of flaxseed this year, down 1,000 acres from last year.

Canola producers planted an estimated 21,000 acres for 2010, up 14,500 acres from last year and up 3,000 acres from March intentions. They expect to harvest 19,000 acres, up 12,500 acres from 2009. **Safflower** producers planted an estimated 35,000 acres, 4,000 acres above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 34,000 acres, up 3,500 acres from last year.

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All wheat planted area in the United States is estimated at 54.3 million acres, down 8 percent from 2009. This is the lowest United States total since 1971. The 2010 **winter wheat** planted area is estimated at 37.7 million acres, down 13 percent from 2009 but up slightly from the previous estimate. Lower prices and the late row crop harvest contributed to the decrease. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.1 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Of this total, about 28.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.8 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.4 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other **spring wheat** for 2010 is estimated at 13.9 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009. Of this total, about 13.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Grain area is expected to total 13.6 million acres, 5 percent above 2009. **Durum** planted area for 2010 is estimated at 2.68 million acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 2.59 million acres, 7 percent above 2009.

Barley producers seeded 2.97 million acres of barley for the 2010 crop year, down 17 percent from the previous year. This is the lowest barley seeded acreage on record, well below the previous record low of 3.45 million acres established in 2006. Harvested area, forecasted at 2.55 million acres, is down 18 percent from 2009, and if realized, will be the lowest since 1883. In Montana and Idaho, seeded area decreased 170,000 acres and 30,000 acres from 2009, respectively.

Acreage seeded to **oats** for the 2010 crop year totaled 3.18 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year and the lowest on record. Growers expect to harvest 1.32 million acres, down 5 percent from 2009.

US producers intend to harvest 59.7 million acres of **all hay** in 2010, down slightly from 2009. Expected harvested area of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures**, at 20.7 million acres, is down 2 percent from 2009.

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Expected area for harvest of all **other types of hay** totals 38.9 million acres, up 1 percent from 2009.

The 2010 **corn** planted area in United States for all purposes is estimated at 87.9 million acres, up 2 percent from last year.

Area planted to **sugar beets** for the 2010 crop year is estimated at 1.18 million acres, down fractionally from the previous year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.15 million acres, down slightly from 2009.

US **dry bean** planted area is estimated at 1.74 million acres, up 13 percent from last year. Area to be harvested in 2010 is

forecasted at 1.67 million acres, up 14 percent from a year ago.

Area planted to **flaxseed** in 2010 is estimated at 410,000 acres, up 93,000 acres from the previous crop year. Area for harvest is forecast at 405,000 acres, up 91,000 acres from the previous year

Canola producers in the United States planted 1.52 million acres in 2010, up 84 percent from 2009 and the second highest planted area on record since estimates began in 1991. The harvested area forecast for the Nation is up 83 percent from last year and would be the second highest on record, if realized.

Planted area of **mustard seed** planted area is estimated at 52,000 acres, up 500 acres from 2009. Mustard seed area for harvest is forecast at 49,100 acres, down 700 acres or 1 percent from the previous year.

Planted area of **safflower** increased 5 percent from 2009, to 183,500 acres in 2010. Area for harvest is forecast at 175,000 acres, up 6 percent from last year.

June 1, 2010 Crop Acreage: Montana and U. S.

Crop	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested	
	2009	2010 1/	2009	2010 1/
MONTANA	(000) Acres		(000) Acres	
Winter Wheat	2,550.0	2,100.0	2,420.0	2,050.0
Durum Wheat	570.0	640.0	535.0	625.0
Spring Wheat	2,400.0	2,800.0	2,350.0	2,750.0
All Wheat	5,520.0	5,540.0	5,305.0	5,425.0
Barley	870.0	700.0	720.0	550.0
Oats	70.0	70.0	32.0	30.0
Corn for Grain 2/	72.0	80.0	26.0	35.0
Sugar Beets	38.4	42.7	33.6	42.6
Dry Beans	11.9	11.6	11.5	10.5
Canola	6.5	21.0	6.5	19.0
Flaxseed	11.0	9.0	10.0	9.0
Safflower	31.0	35.0	30.5	34.0
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	1,700.0	1,800.0
All Other Hay	--	--	800.0	900.0
All Hay	--	--	2,500.0	2,700.0
UNITED STATES	(000) Acres		(000) Acres	
Winter Wheat	43,311.0	37,723.0	34,485.0	32,085.0
Durum Wheat	2,554.0	2,675.0	2,428.0	2,588.0
Spring Wheat	13,268.0	13,907.0	12,955.0	13,590.0
All Wheat	59,133.0	54,305.0	49,868.0	48,263.0
Barley	3,567.0	2,972.0	3,113.0	2,546.0
Oats	3,404.0	3,176.0	1,379.0	1,379.0
Corn for Grain 2/	86,482.0	87,872.0	79,590.0	81,005.0
Sugar Beets	1,185.8	1,184.7	1,148.6	1,146.4
Dry Beans	1,537.5	1,742.3	1,463.0	1,670.1
Canola	827.0	1,523.7	814.0	1,491.7
Flaxseed	317.0	410.0	314.0	405.0
Mustard	51.5	52.0	49.8	49.1
Safflower	175.0	183.5	165.5	175.0
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	21,227.0	20,732.0
All Other Hay	--	--	38,528.0	38,924.0
All Hay	--	--	59,755.0	59,656.0

Agricultural Prices

May 2010 full month crop prices were mixed when compared with April 2010. Montana's winter wheat price was \$4.37 per bushel, down \$0.14 from April, spring wheat was down \$0.18 to \$5.47 per bushel, durum wheat increased \$0.31 to \$4.46 per bushel, feed barley was up \$0.14 to \$2.52 per bushel, and malt barley was up \$0.26 to \$4.95 per bushel.

The mid-June price for alfalfa hay increased \$4.00 to \$92.00 per ton but all other hay dropped \$13.00 to \$75.00 per ton. Mid-June grain prices were mostly higher when compared with May. The winter wheat price was \$4.49 per bushel, spring wheat was \$5.61 per bushel, durum wheat was \$4.30 per bushel, feed barley was \$2.82 per bushel, and malt barley was \$3.42 per bushel.

Livestock prices for the full month of May were mostly lower when compared with the previous month. Steers and heifers were down \$3.00 to \$106.00 per cwt, but cows increased \$2.70 to \$61.70 per cwt. The price for calves dropped

\$3.00 to \$128.00 per cwt. Sheep were down \$2.40 to \$46.30 per cwt, but lambs increased \$14.00 to \$139.00 per cwt. Milk increased \$0.60 per cwt to \$15.30 per cwt. Mid-month June steers and heifers were \$103.00 per cwt, cows were \$60.50 per cwt, beef cattle were \$88.10 per cwt, calves were \$126.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$16.30 per cwt.

Nationally, prices for May and changes from April were as follows: winter wheat was \$4.21 per bushel, up \$0.02, spring wheat was \$4.61 per bushel, down \$0.28, durum wheat was \$4.28 per bushel, up \$0.11, all barley was \$4.25 per bushel, up \$0.17, oats were \$2.19 per bushel, down \$0.06, steers and heifers were \$99.70 per cwt, down \$1.30, cows were \$59.20 per cwt, up \$1.70, beef cattle were \$94.80 per cwt, down \$0.90, calves were unchanged at \$122.00 per cwt, sheep were \$46.10 per cwt, down \$2.60, lambs were \$123.00 per cwt, up \$4.00 and all milk was \$15.10 per cwt, up \$0.50.

The U.S. mid-June price for winter wheat was \$3.66 per bushel, spring wheat was

\$4.67 per bushel, durum wheat was \$4.21 per bushel, oats were \$2.02 per bushel, malt barley was \$4.00 per bushel, feed barley was \$2.75 per bushel, alfalfa hay was \$119.00 per ton, all other hay was \$99.10 per ton, steers and heifers were \$95.70 per cwt, cows were \$58.20 per cwt, calves were \$121.00 per cwt, and all milk was \$15.80 per cwt.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 139 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from May. The Crop Index is down 5 points (3.3 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received lower prices for cattle, onions, hogs, and wheat and higher prices for lettuce, milk, turkeys, and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupes offset decreased marketings of oranges, strawberries, cattle, and sweet corn.

Montana Average Farm Prices Received

Commodity	U N I T	Monthly Average				Change from Previous		Mid-Month Avg	
		Montana			U.S.	Month	Year	Montana	U.S.
		May 2009	Apr 2010	May 2010	May 2010	Apr 2010	May 2009	15-June-10	15-June-10
		Dollars							
Winter Wheat	Bu	5.56	4.51	4.37	4.21	-0.14	-1.19	4.49	3.66
Durum Wheat	Bu	7.97	4.15	4.46	4.28	+0.31	-3.51	4.30	4.21
Spring Wheat	Bu	7.02	5.65	5.47	4.61	-0.18	-1.55	5.61	4.67
All Wheat	Bu	6.11	4.97	4.71	4.33	-0.26	-1.40	4.81	3.80
All Barley	Bu	5.05	4.35	4.86	4.25	+0.51	-0.19	3.40	3.63
Feed Barley	Bu	2.67	2.38	2.52	2.49	+0.14	-0.15	2.82	2.75
Malt Barley	Bu	6.23	4.69	4.95	4.51	+0.26	-1.28	3.42	4.00
Oats	Bu	3.08	na	2.39	2.19	0.0	-0.69	na	2.02
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	114.00	88.00	92.00	121.00	+4.00	-22.00	89.00	119.00
All Other Hay	Ton	106.00	88.00	75.00	99.70	-13.00	-31.00	100.00	99.10
All Hay Baled	Ton	111.00	88.00	87.00	116.00	-1.00	-24.00	90.00	114.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	95.00	109.00	106.00	99.70	-3.00	+11.00	103.00	95.70
Cows	Cwt	49.40	59.00	61.70	59.20	+2.70	+12.30	60.50	58.20
Beef Cattle 1/	Cwt	70.80	93.50	83.90	94.80	-9.60	+13.10	88.10	91.10
Calves	Cwt	113.00	131.00	128.00	122.00	-3.00	+15.00	126.00	121.00
Sheep	Cwt	32.60	48.70	46.30	46.10	-2.40	+13.70	na	na
Lambs	Cwt	105.00	125.00	139.00	123.00	+14.00	+34.00	na	na
All Milk	Cwt	13.50	14.70	15.30	15.10	+0.60	+1.80	16.30	15.80

1/ Composite of steers, heifers, and cows. na-not available.

June 1 Grain Stocks

All wheat stocks in Montana on June 1, 2010 were 54.4 million bushels, up 35 percent from a year ago. All wheat stocks stored on the farm amounted to 37.0 million bushels, up 42 percent from a year ago. All wheat stored off farm totaled 17.4 million bushels, up 21 percent from a

year ago. All wheat disappearance for the March - May 2010 quarter was 38.1 million bushels, up 15 percent from 33.2 million bushels last year. Durum wheat stocks totaled 7.9 million bushels on June 1, 2010 with 7.0 million bushels stored on farms and 875,000 bushels stored off farm.

Montana barley stocks in all positions on June 1, 2010 were 18.9 million bushels, up 37 percent from a year ago.

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Barley stored on farm was 8.0 million bushels, up 60 percent from the previous year. Off-farm storage of barley, at 10.9 million bushels, was up 24 percent from last year. Barley disappearance for the March - May 2010 quarter, at 9.0 million bushels, was up 47 percent from last year's 6.1 million bushels.

All oats stocks in Montana were 501,000 bushels, down 31 percent from last year, setting a new record low for June 1 stocks. On-farm oat stocks were 450,000 bushels, down 36 percent from a year ago, but oats stored off farm were up 70 percent from last year to 51,000 bushels.

All wheat stored in the United States on June 1, 2010 totaled 973 million bushels, up 48 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 210 million bushels, up 49 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 763 million bushels, are up 48 percent from a year ago. The March -

May 2010 indicated disappearance is 383 million bushels, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

U.S. durum wheat stocks in all positions on June 1, 2010 totaled 34.6 million bushels, up 38 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 23.9 million bushels, are up 80 percent from June 1, 2009. Off-farm stocks totaled 10.7 million bushels, down 9 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2010 indicated disappearance of 20.9 million bushels is up 191 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All barley stocks in the United States on June 1, 2010 totaled 115 million bushels, up 30 percent from June 1, 2009. On-farm stocks are estimated at 40.4 million bushels, 50 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 74.7 million bushels, are 21 percent above June 1, 2009. The March - May 2010 indicated disappearance is 42.2 million bushels, 5 percent above the same period a year earlier.

U.S. oats stored in all positions on June 1, 2010 totaled 80.3 million bushels, 4 percent below the stocks on June 1, 2009. Of the total stocks on hand, 17.6 million bushels are stored on farms, 1 percent higher than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 62.7 million bushels, 6 percent below the previous year. Indicated disappearance during March - May 2010 totaled 17.6 million bushels, compared with 11.4 million bushels during the same period a year ago.

Corn stocks in the United States on June 1, 2010 totaled 4.31 billion bushels, up 1 percent from June 1, 2009. Of the total stocks, 2.13 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.18 billion bushels, are up 6 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2010 indicated disappearance is 3.38 billion bushels, compared with 2.69 billion bushels during the same period last year.

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GRAIN and POSITION	MONTANA				UNITED STATES		
	Jun 1, 2009	Mar 1, 2010	Jun 1, 2010	'10/'09	Jun 1, 2009	Mar 1, 2010	Jun 1, 2010
	Thousand Bushels		Percent		Thousand Bushels		
ALL WHEAT							
On Farms	26,000	68,000	37,000	142%	140,745	348,250	209,900
Off Farms 1/	14,350	24,433	17,354	121%	515,760	1,008,107	763,492
TOTAL	40,350	92,433	54,354	135%	656,505	1,356,357	973,392
DURUM WHEAT							
On Farms	2/	9,000	7,000	--	13,300	34,300	23,900
Off Farms 1/	2/	1,654	875	--	11,774	21,216	10,703
TOTAL	2/	10,654	7,875	--	25,074	55,516	34,603
BARLEY							
On Farms	5,000	14,000	8,000	160%	27,010	67,370	40,440
Off Farms 1/	8,770	13,895	10,894	124%	61,723	89,985	74,701
TOTAL	13,770	27,895	18,894	137%	88,733	157,355	115,141
OATS							
On Farms	700	900	450	64%	17,480	30,900	17,600
Off Farms 1/	30	47	51	170%	66,619	67,091	62,747
TOTAL	730	947	501	69%	84,099	97,991	80,347
CORN							
On Farms	3/	3/	3/	--	2,205,400	4,548,000	2,131,400
Off Farms 1/	3/	3/	3/	--	2,056,027	3,145,787	2,178,644
TOTAL	3/	3/	3/	--	4,261,427	7,693,787	4,310,044

1/ Terminals, mills, interior elevators. 2/ Included in all wheat. 3/ Not published in order to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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Annual Sweet Cherry Production	Dry Edible Peas Acreage
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